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# NATIONAL WETLAND INVENTORY USER REPORT 1:100,000 MAP AREA

**MAP AREA:** DETROIT NE

**1:100,000 NAME:** LAKE ST CLAIR NORTH

**STATE:** MICHIGAN



## NORTH CENTRAL REGION



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**USER REPORT  
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REGION 3**



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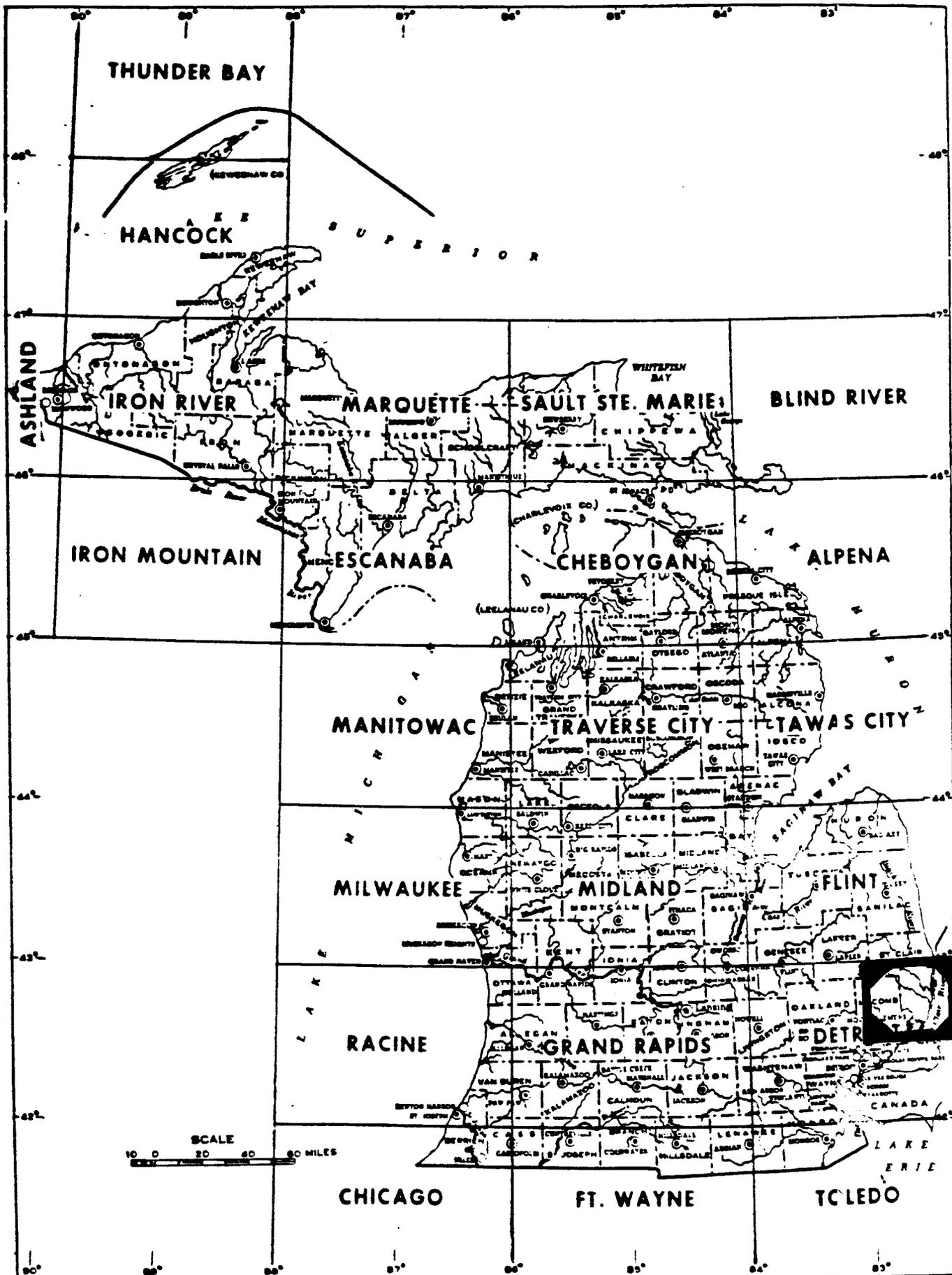
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MAP PREPARATION

Basic Data

Photography Used:

<u>Emulsion</u>	<u>Scale</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Percent Coverage</u>
1. Black and white	1:80,000	November 1978	100%

Field Check Dates:

1. December 10, 1980

Contractor(s) for Photo Interpretation:

1. Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources

Collateral Data Used:

1. USGS topographic quad sheets
2. USDA Soil Surveys

Mapping Legend: (See Appendix D)

Farmed Wetlands

It is the policy of the Fish and Wildlife Service to not map farmed wetlands in the National Wetlands Inventory unless the wetland is a pothole-like depression, such as those found in the Prairie Pothole Region, intermittently flooded lake bottoms, cranberry bogs, or diked former tidelands in California. Therefore this map area may contain various amounts of non-depression type wetlands which were farmed on the date of the photography and intentionally not included in the inventory. Many of these omitted wetlands commonly occur in floodplains.

GEOGRAPHY

A. General Location

Degrees Longitude: 82° 0' to 83° 0' West

Degrees Latitude : 42° 30' to 43° 0' North

Largest City : Port Huron, Michigan

Detroit NE lies in southeastern Michigan, just northeast of the city of Detroit. The map area is bordered on the east by the St. Clair River and the Ontario, Canada border, and on the south by Lake St. Clair. This map includes parts of Macomb, St. Clair and Jasper Counties, and encompasses portions of the Lake Huron, Pine, Black and Clinton River watersheds. Lake St. Clair National Wildlife Refuge falls within the map boundaries.

B. Ecoregion

Bailey's Ecoregion Classification and Description (Bailey 1978):

Code: 2212L

Humid Temperate Domain (2000)

The entire Detroit NE map is in this Domain.

The climate of this Domain has strong seasonal temperatures and precipitation cycles, and a distinctive winter season. The Humid Temperate Domain comprises the humid midlatitude forests of broadleaf deciduous and needleleaf evergreen trees.

Hot Continental Division (2200)

All of the Detroit NE map area lies in this Division.

This Division characteristically has hot summers and cool winters. The natural vegetation is winter deciduous forest, where tall broadleaf trees dominate. These trees form a dense canopy in the summer, but lose their leaves in the winter. The shrub layer is weakly developed. A lush herbaceous layer develops in early spring, but diminishes as the dense tree canopy forms and shades the ground. Soils are primarily Alfisols, Inceptisols and Ultisols which are rich in humus and moderately leached.

Eastern Deciduous Forest Province (2210)

The entire Detroit NE map falls within this Province.

The vegetation of this Province represents a response to a climate that receives adequate precipitation all year long. Common tree species of the deciduous forests include beech (Fagus grandifolia), oak (Quercus spp.), birch (Betula spp.), basswood (Tilia americana), elm (Ulmus spp.), maple (Acer spp.) and ash (Fraxinus spp.). Pines (Pinus spp.) develop quickly in forests cleared for logging.

Tree species of poorly drained forests consist of alder (Alnus spp.), willow (Salix spp.), ash and elm.

Beech-Maple Forest Section (2212L)

This Section occurs in lowland areas, and covers all of the Detroit NE map.

Beech and maple trees form the principal plant association of this Section.

C. Topography and Land Forms

Hammond's Land Surface Form and Physical Subdivision (Hammond 1965, 1969):

Codes: (III-2) A1, (III-2) A2c, (III-3) B2b

Interior Physical Division (III) - The entire Detroit NE map area lies within this Physical Division.

East-Central Drift and Lake-bed Flats Subdivision (2) - This Subdivision covers 99% of the map area, all but the extreme west-central part.

North-Central Lake-Swamp-Moraine Plains (3) - This Subdivision covers less than 1% of Detroit NE, in the extreme west-central part of the map.

Flat Plains Class (A1) - This Class includes 60% of the map area extending from the southwest portion, adjacent to Lake St. Clair and the Canadian border. Over 80% of the land is in gentle slopes of less than 100 feet.

Smooth Plains Class (A2c) - This Class covers 40% of Detroit NE in the central and northwestern portions, excluding less than 1% in the extreme west-central part of the map. Over 80% of the land is in gentle slopes. Fifty to 75% of these slopes occur in uplands. Local relief ranges from 100 to 300 feet.

Irregular Plains Class (B2b) - This Class comprises less than 1% of the map area in the extreme west-central part of the map. Fifty to 80% of the land is in gentle slopes. Fifty to 75% of these slopes occur in lowland areas. Local relief ranges from 100 to 300 feet.

RESOURCES

A. Wetlands

No wetland acreage figure is available for the Detroit NE area at the present time.

Heavy wetland losses in the Detroit NE area have been attributed to agricultural drainage, industrial and urban development (Panzner 1955). Losses have been greatest in the north-central and northwestern portions of the map and in the southwest near Detroit. Wetland density in other portions of the map ranges from medium to high, with highest wetland concentration occurring just northeast of Lake St. Clair and west of Port Huron.

Wetlands which remain in the map area are fairly diverse and are located both in uplands and in river floodplains. Some of the most common wetland classes include saturated to semi-permanently flooded forested, scrub-shrub and emergents. Predominant trees and shrubs of the forested and forested/shrub wetlands include red maple (Acer rubrum), ash (Fraxinus spp.), willow (Salix sp.), dogwood (Cornus sp.) and alder (Alnus sp.). Rush (Juncus spp.), sedge (Carex spp.) bulrush (Scirpus spp.) and cattail (Typha latifolia) are important plant species of the emergent marshes. A list of plant species for other wetland types can be found in Appendix C.

## Appendix A

### REFERENCES

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### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The purpose of this report is to provide general information regarding the production of the map and the wetlands found within the area of this map. It does not include descriptions of all wetlands found in the area nor complete species information. For additional information, the following reference is recommended:

- Hammond, E. H. 1964. Analysis of Properties in Land Form Geography: An Application to Broad-scale Land Form Mapping. Annals, Assoc. Amer. Geog. v. 54. pp. 11-23.

Appendix B

SPECIAL MAPPING PROBLEMS

Problem 1: Extensive draining for agriculture made it difficult to distinguish wetland forests from upland forested areas.

Resolution: USDA Soil Surveys were used as collateral data. Field checking was done when possible.

Problem 2: Much of the area is undergoing rapid development. Many wetlands are being filled for housing and industry.

Resolution: Because of extensive drainage and the dynamic nature of the area, some areas shown as wetland on USGS topos are not visible on the photos. User should be aware of changing wetland conditions.

Problem 3: Canals and channels were not all mapped because the photo overlay would have been too complex.

Resolution: Some of the major intermittent streambeds that were not mapped will appear on the USGS topographic base map.

Problem 4: It was difficult to map the numerous dredged channels and small wetlands which occur among the filled areas on Harsens Island.

Resolution: Small wetlands were lumped into the predominant coertype. Wetland polygons reflect the predominant vegetative coertypes.

Problem 5: It was difficult to accurately identify specific water regimes from the 1:80,000 black and white photography.

Resolution: Combined water regimes (Z, W, Y) where necessary.

Appendix C  
WETLAND COMMUNITIES

<u>MAP SYMBOLS</u>	<u>LOCAL NAME</u>	<u>DOMINANT VEGETATION</u>	<u>WATER REGIME</u>
PFOB	Lowland	<u>Acer rubrum</u>	Saturated
PFO1B	hardwoods	<u>Fraxinus spp.</u>	Seasonal
PFOY	Swamp	<u>Populus tremuloides</u>	
PFO1Y		<u>Betula papyrifera</u>	
PFO/SSY	Swamp	<u>Acer rubrum</u> <u>Alnus spp.</u> <u>Cornus spp.</u> <u>Salix spp.</u> <u>Populus tremuloides</u>	Saturated Seasonal
PSSB	Swamp	<u>Alnus spp.</u>	Saturated
PSSY		<u>Cornus spp.</u>	Seasonal
PSS1Y		<u>Salix spp.</u> <u>Myrica Gale</u> <u>Cephalanthus occidentalis</u>	Semi-permanent
PSS/EMB	Swamp	<u>Alnus spp.</u>	Saturated
PSS/EMY		<u>Phalaris arundinacea</u> <u>Carex spp.</u> <u>Juncus spp.</u> <u>Salix spp.</u>	Seasonal
PEMB	Wet meadow	<u>Juncus spp.</u>	Saturated
PEMY		<u>Carex spp.</u> <u>Scirpus spp.</u>	Seasonal
PEMY	Marsh	<u>Typha latifolia</u> <u>Potamogeton sp.</u> <u>Scirpus spp.</u>	Seasonal Semi-permanent
PEMFh	Impoundment	<u>Typha latifolia</u> <u>Scirpus spp.</u>	Semi-permanent Artificial control
PEM/ABZ	Marsh	<u>Typha latifolia</u> <u>Nuphar spp.</u>	Permanent Intermittently exposed

Appendix D

NATIONAL WETLAND INVENTORY  
Information and Legend  
For Map Products

Classification System: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service uses the "Classification of Wetlands and Deepwater Habitats of the United States", December, 1979, by L. M. Cowardin, et al., to delineate and identify wetlands. This system is hierarchical and structured around a combination of ecological, biological, hydrological and substrate characteristics which permits universal use across the United States, its territories and possessions. It consists of five systems: Marine, Estuarine, Riverine, Lacustrine (lake) and Palustrine (swamps, bogs, marshes) and proceeds in a hierarchical manner through subsystem, class, and subclass. It also contains provisions to use water regime, water chemistry, soil, and special modifiers to provide additional levels of detail.

Figure 1 is an illustration of the classification system to the class level.

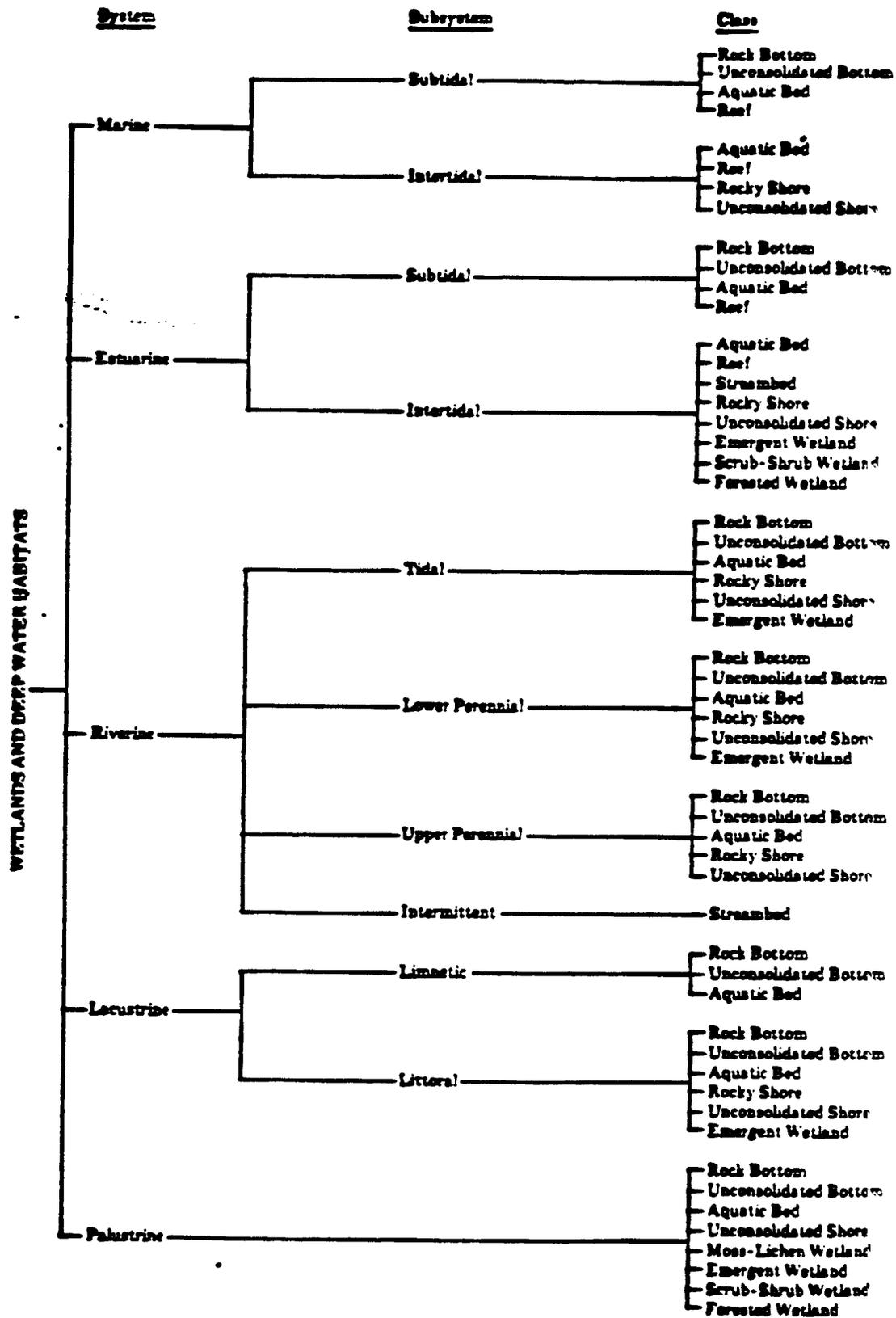


Fig 1. Classification hierarchy of wetlands and deepwater habitats, showing systems, subsystems, and classes. The Palustrine System does not include deepwater habitats.

**Use of Wetland Legend:** Wetland data are displayed on overlays or maps by a series of letters and numbers (alpha numerics) with the first letter representing the system and subsequent alpha numerics representing, in a sequential manner, the subordinate levels of detail down to the modifiers. Where classes and subclasses have been mixed, they are separated by a diagonal line.

**Examples**

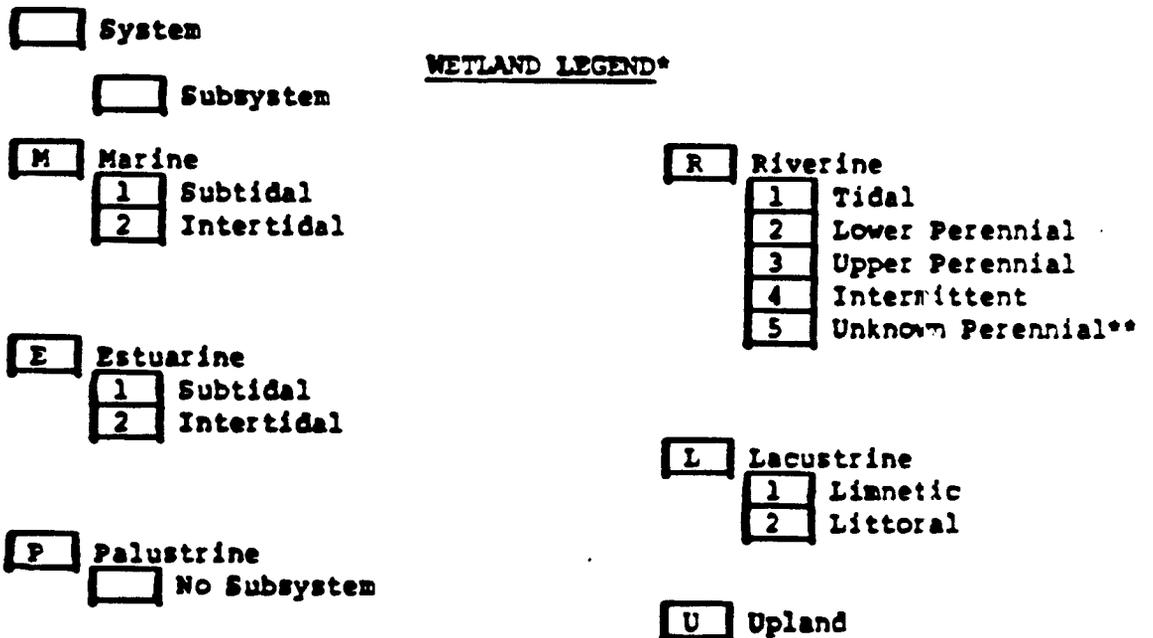
a. Classification of wetlands to water regime and special modifier:

System:	Lacustrine
Subsystem:	Limnetic
Class:	Unconsolidated Bottom
Subclass:	Mud
Water Regime:	Intermittently Exposed
Special Modifier:	Diked/Impounded

**L 1 UB 3 G h**

b. Mixing of wetland classes and subclasses:

PFO2/EM1F = Palustrine, Forested, Needle-leaved deciduous (PFO2) mixed with Palustrine, Emergent, Persistent (PEM1) with semipermanent water regime (F).



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Wetland Legend (continued)

   Class

   Subclass

CLASSES AND SUBCLASSES

- AB** Aquatic Bed
- 1 Algal
  - 2 Aquatic Moss
  - 3 Rooted Vascular
  - 4 Floating Vascular
  - 5 Unknown Submergent\*\*
  - 6 Unknown Surface\*\*

- EM** Emergent
- 1 Persistent
  - 2 Nonpersistent

- FO** Forested
- 1 Broad-Leaved Deciduous
  - 2 Needle-Leaved Deciduous
  - 3 Broad-Leaved Evergreen
  - 4 Needle-Leaved Evergreen
  - 5 Dead
  - 6 Deciduous\*\*
  - 7 Evergreen\*\*

- ML** Moss/Lichen
- 1 Moss
  - 2 Lichen

- OW** Open Water/  
Unknown Bottom\*\*

- RB** Rock Bottom
- 1 Bedrock
  - 2 Rubble

- RF** Reef
- 1 Coral
  - 2 Mollusk
  - 3 Worm

- RS** Rocky Shore
- 1 Bedrock
  - 2 Rubble

- SB** Streambed
- 1 Bedrock
  - 2 Rubble
  - 3 Cobble/Gravel
  - 4 Sand
  - 5 Mud
  - 6 Organic
  - 7 Vegetated

- SS** Scrub/Shrub
- 1 Broad-Leaved Deciduous
  - 2 Needle-Leaved Deciduous
  - 3 Broad-Leaved Evergreen
  - 4 Needle-Leaved Evergreen
  - 5 Dead
  - 6 Deciduous\*\*
  - 7 Evergreen\*\*

- UB** Unconsolidated Bottom
- 1 Cobble/Gravel
  - 2 Sand
  - 3 Mud
  - 4 Organic

- US** Unconsolidated Shore
- 1 Cobble/Gravel
  - 2 Sand
  - 3 Mud
  - 4 Organic
  - 5 Vegetated

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## MODIFIERS TO WETLAND CLASSIFICATION

### WATER REGIME MODIFIERS

#### Nontidal

<b>A</b>	Temporary
<b>B</b>	Saturated
<b>C</b>	Seasonal
<b>D</b>	Seasonally Flooded-Well Drained
<b>E</b>	Seasonally Flooded-Saturated
<b>F</b>	Semipermanent
<b>G</b>	Intermittently Exposed
<b>H</b>	Permanent
<b>J</b>	Intermittently Flooded

#### Nontidal Combined

<b>Z</b>	Intermittently Exposed/ Permanent (G,H above)**
<b>W</b>	Intermittently Flooded/ Temporary (A,J above)**
<b>Y</b>	Saturated Semipermanent/ All Seasonals (B,C,D,E F above)**

#### Nontidal and Tidal

<b>U</b>	Unknown**
<b>K</b>	Artificial

#### Tidal

<b>L</b>	Subtidal
<b>M</b>	Irregularly Exposed
<b>N</b>	Regularly Flooded
<b>P</b>	Irregularly Flooded
<b>R</b>	Seasonal - Tidal
<b>S</b>	Temporary - Tidal
<b>T</b>	Semipermanent - Tidal
<b>V</b>	Permanent - Tidal

### WATER CHEMISTRY MODIFIERS

#### Coastal Salinity

<b>1</b>	Hyperhaline
<b>2</b>	Euhaline
<b>3</b>	Mixohaline (Brackish)
<b>4</b>	Polyhaline
<b>5</b>	Mesohaline
<b>6</b>	Oligohaline
<b>0</b>	Fresh

#### Inland Salinity

<b>7</b>	Hypersaline
<b>8</b>	Eusaline
<b>9</b>	Mixosaline
<b>0</b>	Fresh

#### pH Freshwater

<b>a</b>	Acid
<b>t</b>	Circumneutral
<b>1</b>	Alkaline

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## OTHER MODIFIERS

### Special

<b>b</b>	Beaver
<b>d</b>	Partially Drained/ Ditched
<b>f</b>	Farmed
<b>h</b>	Diked/Impounded
<b>i</b>	Artificial
<b>s</b>	Spoil
<b>x</b>	Excavated

### Soils

<b>g</b>	Organic
<b>n</b>	Mineral

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